**Suicide by students**

1417. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of students have committed or tried to commit suicide after finding that their results for X and XII classes examinations of CBSE this year were below expectations;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether Government would order revaluation of their papers to ascertain if there were any human or mechanical errors in the valuation of their papers;

(d) if no, the reasons therefor; and

(e) steps proposed to be taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) As per the CBSE's examination bye-laws there is no provision for revaluation. However, errors in totaling and posting of marks are corrected during verification. Unevaluated questions are also evaluated during the verification. In order to ensure that there are no human or mechanical errors in the evaluation of papers, the CBSE has taken the following important measures:

(i) Evaluation is done centrally at specified places under the close supervision of Head Examiner and Additional Head Examiner. Under every Head Examiner only 10-15 examiners are deputed for evaluation.

(ii) The evaluators are provided with the detailed Marking Scheme which is prepared in participation with the evaluators, subject experts so that is no subjectivity or inter-examiner variability in evaluation.

(iii) A team of two coordinators is appointed at every nodal evaluation center to check that no question or part thereof is left unevaluated by the examiners and that the posting and totaling of marks is accurate.

(iv) As an additional precautionary measure the marks awarded to the candidates on the answer scripts are again matched with the marks written on the award sheets in the CBSE office before supplying the marks to the computer for processing of results.

(v) After the declaration of results, the candidates can apply for verification of marks. In verification the answer books of the candidates are checked with a view to ensuring that no question or part thereof is left unevaluated, posting and totaling of marks is accurate.

(e) CBSE has taken following measures to reduce examination related stress and anxiety which at times may become the cause of suicide among students:-

- Publication of sample question papers and marking schemes to familiarize teachers and students about the nature of questions and question papers.
- Elimination of overall aggregation of marks to reduce unhealthy competition among students.
- Introduction of comprehensive and continuous school based evaluation.
- Providing facility of compartment examination for Calss X and XII.
- Restructuring of question paper in the important subjects.
- Providing tele-counseling through helpline close to the examination and after the declaration of results.

**Children deprived of education**

1418. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of children in India deprived of education; and

(b) the action taken to improve their lot through Gram Shiksha Samitees and with the help of village school teachers?